THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The proposal of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited for setting up of a Marketing Terminal for Central India Oil Refinery at Bina is pending with the Government for approval. The estimated cost of the projects is Rs. 463.4 crores (September, 1996 prices). The project is expected to be completed in 36 months from the date of Government's approval.

[Translation]

Rajiv Gandhi Reeervoir in M.P.

1914. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to siphon off water of Narmada River from Mandala in Madhya Pradesh to Rajiv Gandhi Reservoir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred and the time likely to be taken for its completion;

(d) the time by which the sanction is likely to be accorded; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[English]

Magazine on Indian Rivers

1915. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to publish a magazine on the Indian rivers and its preservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not considered necessary to publish such a Magazine.

Overhaul of MIG-29 Aircraft

1916. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of MIG-29 aircraft of the Indian Air Force require major overhaul;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the agreement, the overhaul was to be done by Russian Company;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Company has refused to overhaul these MIG aircrafts;

(f) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the Government are negotiating for the purchase of more MIG-29 from Russian Company, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) A MIG-29 falls due for major overhaul after 11 years or after it has flown 800 hours. The aircraft has been in service since 1986 and has now become due for overhaul.

(c) to (f) There is no contract with any Russian company or any other foreign agency to overhaul these aircraft. Facilities for overhaul of MIG-29 aircraft have been set up in India.

(g) There is at present, no proposal for purchase of any more MIG-29 aircraft.

Bifurcation of Air Corridor for Delhi

1917. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Airports Authority of India has bifurcated the air corridor falling on Delhi-Karachi sector; and

(b) when the new routing pattern would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From 14th August, 1997.

Winding up of I.R.C.C.

1918. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to wind up Indian Road Construction Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any complaints have been received in IRCC Project at Libya on Machinery and Equipment;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(e) the reasons for IRCC officers have been deputed instead of sending a Team of Senior Officers from MOST; and

(f) the reasons for not considering the bio-data of IRCC's employees in National Highways Authority of India received during 1996, if IRCC is wound up?